

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company published a Notice of Filing in a newspaper of general circulation. The Company furnished proof of publication to the Commission. No Protests or Petitions to

Intervene were received. Accordingly, Utility requests that the hearing provisions of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 (Supp. 2000) be waived.

Utility currently provides water and sewerage service in Greenville County in the Trollingwood subdivision, water service only in the Kingswood and Woodmont Estates subdivisions, and sewer service only in the Canterbury, Valleybrook, and the Village subdivisions. The sewer service area in Greenville County where the Company seeks to expand (the Service Area) and provide service is described in the Company's application as follows: "All those certain pieces, parcels, or tracts of land, situate lying and being in the County of Greenville, in and near the unincorporated community of Tigerville, west of Highway 253 and north and south of Highway 414, east of Meadow Fork Creek and south of Burban Fork Creek, portions of which are bisected by Chinqapin Road, and which are owned by North Greenville College or Greenville Timberline, LLC ..." The property owned by North Greenville College which Utility seeks to serve bears the following tax map numbers: 650.1.005.2, 650.1.006, 650.1.006.2, 650.1.006.4, 650.1.006.5, 650.1.006.27, 650.4.005, 650.4.007, 650.4.007.1, 650.4.007.3, 650.4.007.4, 651.2.021.7, 655.4.004.1, and 656.1.006. The property currently owned by Greenville Timberline, LLC that Utility seeks to serve bears the following tax number: 656.3.

According to the Application, wastewater treatment facilities have already been constructed to provide service to the area Utility seeks to serve and these wastewater treatment facilities are currently being operated by North Greenville College (NGC) to serve its campus. Further, no service is currently being provided to the public. Adjacent to NGC is a tract of land currently being developed for residential use by Greenville

Timberline, LLC (LLC) and when residences are built in this subdivision, to be known as Valley View subdivision, this subdivision will be served by the NGC wastewater treatment facilities. Additionally, Utility, NGC, and LLC have entered into an Agreement which provides for the transfer of NGC's wastewater treatment facilities, with certain additions or modifications thereto, and LLC's wastewater transportation facilities already constructed, or to be constructed, for the collection and transportation of sewerage from Valley View to Utility. This Agreement is conditioned upon approval of the instant Application for expansion of the Company's territory to include the Service Area.

The record also reveals the Service Area is not presently served by any public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. A letter from the Metropolitan Sewer Sub-District, which has service rights in the service area, reveals Metropolitan Sewer Sub-District has declined to serve the area where Utility seeks to expand and provide sewer service.

Under 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-501(3), we may waive a Regulation where there is unusual difficulty in complying with that Regulation, upon a finding by us that such a waiver is in the public interest. We think that the present situation meets those criteria, and hereby waive said hearing provision. First, Utility, NGC and LLC have entered into an agreement which provides for the transfer of NGC's wastewater treatment facility, with certain additions or modifications thereto, and LLC's wastewater transportation facilities already constructed, or to be constructed, for the collection and transportation of sewerage from Valley View to Utility. Second, it appears to us that

unusual difficulty is present, bringing residents of Greenville County for a hearing that they do not contest – the Commission has not received any Protests or Petitions to Intervene regarding this matter. Therefore, we believe that a waiver of a hearing is in the public interest.

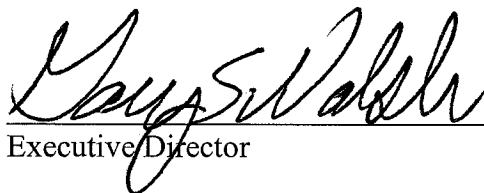
We have reviewed the record in this case, and because of the reasoning as stated above, we approve the expansion of Utility's service area to include additional portions of Greenville County, South Carolina as outlined in the Company's application. Additionally, we decree that the Company shall serve the residents of said area in Greenville County at the presently approved rates of the Company as stated in this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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